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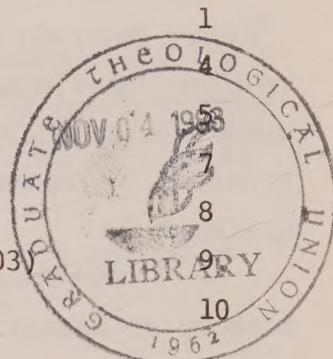
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PETERSEN TAPPEDAS BEXLEY HALL DEAN

DPS 83098

ROCHESTER, NY (DPS, May 26) -- The Rev. William Herbert Petersen, Ph.D., has been appointed Dean of Bexley Hall, a member seminary of the ecumenical theological school, Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary here. The appointment, effective June 1, was announced by Bishop William G. Black, chairman of the Bexley Hall Board of Trustees, and President Larry L. Greenfield, at a meeting of the board on May 4.

"I am delighted that Dr. Petersen is joining us to give increased strength and visibility to the Episcopal identity in the context of this ecumenical seminary, and to help us share the resources of the school in the witness and mission of the Episcopal Church. He brings significant academic and professional qualities to this community of inquiry and formation, and has a commitment to the ecumenical church which reflects our own unique witness as a seminary," commented Greenfield on the appointment.

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The Dean of Bexley Hall carries the responsibilities for the Episcopal components of the curriculum and the spiritual direction of students. In addition, Petersen will be teaching courses in Church history and will be the primary representative of the school to the Episcopal Church.

Black extended a welcome to Petersen on behalf of the board. "Father Petersen has the combination of energy, education, pastoral and teaching experience, Episcopal identity and ecumenical commitment, which makes him an ideal person to be dean of Bexley Hall. The board of trustees welcomes our new dean with enthusiasm, confidence and gratitude."

Petersen currently serves as professor of ecclesiastical history at Nashotah House in Wisconsin. He has served as academic officer there as well as acting dean. He is co-author of Traditions Transplanted: The Story of Anglican and Lutheran Churches in America with Robert Goeser, and was a contributing author to Worship Points the Way: Celebration of the Life and Work of Massey H. Shepherd, Jr., both published in 1981. He is a board member of the Anglican Theological Review and a former book editor for that journal.

Commenting on his appointment, Petersen stated, "I have accepted with gratitude and excitement the invitation to join the ecumenical theological community in Rochester as Dean of Bexley Hall. But I am more than personally grateful for the confidence expressed by the Trustees in calling me... For Bexley Hall continues to stand out as a vital witness to the claim that formation and training for ordained or lay ministerial leadership in the Church may flourish, and indeed be enhanced in an ecumenical setting. Such considerations provide the context for the excitement with which I view the challenge and opportunities ahead. It is my deep intention to pray, think, and work with others toward the realization of a vision that sees Bexley Hall contributing a presence within the Rochester theological community that is authentically Anglican without being exclusive, while simultaneously advancing a significant relation to the life and mission of the Episcopal Church as one of her accredited seminaries."

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Petersen serves on the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations of the Episcopal Church and has served as a delegate to the Consultation on Church Union since 1978. He also serves as a Council Member of the Associated Parishes for Liturgy and Mission for the Episcopal Church and on the National Lutheran-Episcopal Ecumenical Dialogue.

Ordained priest in 1966, Petersen has served parishes and college chaplaincies in Iowa, California and Wisconsin. He received his Ph.D. from Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif. and is a graduate of Church Divinity School of the Pacific.

Petersen is married to Priscilla Ruth Eide. Both are graduates of Grinnell College in Iowa. They have two children.

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ECUMENICAL OFFICER

NAMED FOR ANGLICANISM

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LONDON (DPS, May 26) -- The first full time ecumenical officer for the worldwide Anglican Communion has been named.

He is the Rev. George B. Braund and he began his new work as Associate Secretary for Ecumenical Affairs with the London-based Anglican Consultative Council in May. He has been on the staff of the Council since 1980 as an associate secretary responsible for the mission, ecumenical and study roles of the Council.

In announcing the appointment, the secretary general, the Rev. Samuel Van Culin, said that it came "at a very important time in the development of the ecumenical affairs of the Anglican Communion.

"For Anglicans, 1983 marks the beginning of fresh rounds of talks with the Roman Catholic Church and the Lutheran World Federation. Discussions are continuing with the Orthodox Churches and the Final Report of the Anglican-Reformed Commission should be published in 1984.

"While Father Braund will relate closely to the work of these Commissions and will help coordinate the overall Anglican ecumenical effort, I see the task primarily as informational -- interpreting the fruits of these discussions so that the Churches of the Communion can respond effectively to them."

He added that Braund's previous experience, with its deep engagement with mission, would help ensure that the ecumenical work of the Anglican Communion "will be enriched by a heightened sense of purpose since the ecumenical calling is a call to mission."

Braund studied at Cambridge, then at Ely Theological College. After parochial and chaplaincy appointments he worked for 11 years with the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (USPG), first as travelling missionary, then as overseas secretary. He is a member of the Oratory of the Good Shepherd and was its Superior from 1969-75.

Since joining the Council staff he has, among other duties, served as secretary to the Anglican-Reformed dialogue, the Anglican Communion's Mission Issues and Strategy Advisory Group, and the Inter-Anglican Theological and Doctrinal Commission (a task he will retain with his new appointment).



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U.N. REFUGEE OFFICER

KEYS STAFF MEETING

DPS 83101

NEW YORK (DPS, May 26) -- In a wide-ranging report, an officer of the United Nations detailed for Episcopal Church Center staff the role of Churches in maintaining the "continuing vitality of the international response to refugee problems."

Karl S. Beck, counselor for refugee/migration affairs at the United Nations Geneva offices, was the first of four speakers who addressed the staff here at the start of a weeklong exploration of refugee and migration ministries. Following a pattern developed after the 1982 General Convention, the Center staff devotes its quarterly meetings to evaluation of major issues and efforts to integrate them into the continuing work of each section.

In his 15-page paper, Beck, a former State department officer, detailed governmental and intergovernmental policies, continuing refugee difficulties, and the still-developing consensus that is responding to migration issues through international cooperation. Organizations such as the Episcopal Church's Presiding Bishops' Fund for World Relief carry a major burden here, he noted, not only through providing channels of giving and networks of refugee sponsorship, but in their role in raising the moral issues behind refugee plights. Fund officers and their counterparts in other denominations and in ecumenical groups were a strong presence in conversations years ago that stabilized the exodus of the Vietnamese boat people.

That particular role of the Church was echoed by Roman Catholic Bishop Anthony Bevilacqua who spoke for the work of the United States Catholic Conference and who hailed the "special quality of Anglican comprehensiveness in terms of carrying out refugee ministries in global perspective."

These staff conferences are largely informational efforts to highlight the role each section -- Education for Mission and Ministry, National Mission in Church and Society, World Mission in Church and Society, Stewardship, Communication and Finance -- can play in bringing home to their constituents mission needs that cannot be dealt with separately.



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ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

SEEKING HEADMASTER

DPS 83102

VICKSBURG, Miss. (DPS, May 26) -- The board of trustees of All Saints School here has begun a search for a headmaster to succeed Bishop Alex D. Dickson, who was consecrated recently as the first bishop of Western Tennessee.

The board took its action at its semiannual meeting here and, at the same time, began making plans for the school's 75th anniversary celebration this fall. The 190-student coed high school is operated by four Episcopal dioceses: Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and Western Louisiana. Presiding Bishop John M. Allin, a former headmaster and rector, was bishop of Mississippi when Dickson was named headmaster in 1968.

A search committee, led by board chairman Boatner Howell of Baton Rouge, has been formed and is accepting applications for the position of headmaster and rector. The Rev. Noland Pipes will serve as acting headmaster during the coming academic year. Howell said the committee hopes to fill the post before July of next year.

During Dickson's tenure, the school has been a consistent innovator in academic areas and quite active in social outreach. In a recent report, Dickson noted that the school has sponsored 25 Vietnamese refugees and is currently sponsor to a Polish refugee family.

At the diamond year festivities on All Saints Day, Allin is expected to be joined by Dickson and two other former rectors, the Rev. John Stone Jenkins and the Rev. William G. Christian.

Inquiries about the post of rector and headmaster should be directed to Howell at 329 St. Ferdinand Street, Baton Rouge, La., 70802.

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PICTURE CAPTION

(May 26, 1983)

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N.J. Parish Aids Fund

83103      The Rev. Joyce Tompkins, associate rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Morris Plains, N.J., gives an I.O.U. for \$300 to Presiding Bishop John M. Allin just after the Rev. Dr. David Hamilton, St. Paul's Rector, has handed the bishop a check for \$5,000 for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. Writing later to thank the people of St. Paul's for their Lenten offering, Bishop Allin said to Hamilton and Tompkins, "Your presence gave meaning to the reality of Christians from different continents helping one another." 1983 is the ninth year during the past ten in which St. Paul's parishioners have given several thousand dollars to the Presiding Bishop's Fund. This year's Lenten offering, which will be used for relief in Lebanon and Uganda, resulted from individual donations as well as fund-raisers including a volleyball marathon in which the senior high youth group members played, a silver tea organized by and for the women of the parish, and a production of Pippin presented by St. Paul's Players.  
(photo by Penny Jones)

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MEMO: JUNE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

DPS 83104

TO : Diocesan Press Service Clients  
FROM : The Press Office  
DATE: May 26, 1983

The 40-member Executive Council of the Episcopal Church will meet in Des Moines, Iowa, June 16 - 18. Plenary sessions and committee meetings will be held at St. Paul's Church, 815 High Street, and the Council will be housed at the Hotel Fort Des Moines.

In a departure from the Council's pattern, this is a Thursday -Friday -Saturday meeting.

The Council will spend most of Thursday — after an opening plenary — in committee sessions. Committees will meet again Friday morning and then plenary business sessions follow from mid-morning through afternoon and again on Saturday morning. No evening sessions are planned.

One item on the Council agenda is the election of a presbyter to succeed the Rt. Rev. Alex Dickson who resigned upon his election as bishop of West Tennessee. Council is also expected to hear reports on the recent peacemaking activities in the Church, progress on The Next Step in Mission and on South Africa. Certification of Jubilee Centers and disposal of undesignated Venture in Mission funds will also be on the agenda.

Council sessions are open to members of the press who are on their own for housing and meals. Journalists may join the Council for lunch on Thursday and Friday and dinner on Thursday. The Diocese of Iowa is host for a barbecue Saturday night at which the press is also welcome. For these reasons, and because document production is expected to be limited, please let us know IN ADVANCE if you plan to attend all or part of the meeting. The deadline for notifying us is close of business June 13. Call us at the above number ( exts. 401-403) or write to us at the Church Center 815 2d Ave. New York, NY 10017.

